

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.
Senate confirmed the nomination of Howard H. Baker, Jr., to be Ambassador to Japan.
The House passed H.R. 1, Leave No Child Behind Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5489–S5570

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution was introduced, as follows: S. 935–944, and S. Con. Res. 42. **Page S5542**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management.

S. 378, to redesignate the Federal building located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center”.

S. 468, to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the “James C. Corman Federal Building”.

S. 757, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 West Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the “Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

S. 774, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the “Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

Tax Relief Reconciliation: By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 165), Senate passed H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the con-

current resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5490–S5522**

Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 159), Snowe Amendment No. 741, to express the sense of the Senate that the modifications to the child tax credit contained in section 201 should be part of the final tax package. **Pages S5490–91**

Nelson (of NE) Modified Amendment No. 769, to provide a circuit breaker for tax cuts if debt levels are not reduced as provided in the budget resolution for fiscal year 2002. **Page S5491**

Harkin/Johnson Amendment No. 784, to provide a deduction for unreimbursed expenses related to certain public activities of emergency response professionals. **Pages S5491–92**

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 789, to expand the adoption credit, to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to ease rollover limitations on qualified tuition programs, to disregard any child tax credit refund in the administration of Federal programs and federally assisted programs, to provide that certain computer expenses are to be treated as qualified elementary and secondary education expenses for purposes of education savings accounts, to exempt State and local candidate committees from notification requirements, to expand the dependent care credit, to provide for education savings accounts, to provide a credit against tax for employers who provide child care assistance, to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor, to waive the statute of limitation for taxes on certain farm valuations, to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit,

to provide for a credit for medical research related to developing vaccines against wide-spread diseases, to clarify the coordination of various education-related exclusions with the deduction for higher education expenses, to modify the treatment of bonds issued to acquire renewable resources on land subject to conservation easement, to accelerate benefits of wage tax credits for empowerment zones, to enhance book donations and literacy, to treat certain hospital support organizations as qualified organizations for purposes of determining acquisition indebtedness, to provide tax-exempt bond authority for treatment facilities that reduce arsenic levels in drinking water, and to provide for marriage penalty relief.

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By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 164), Collins/Warner Modified Amendment No. 675, to provide an above-the-line deduction for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow a credit against income tax to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials. **Pages S5490, S5497–99**

Baucus (for Kerry) Amendment No. 787, to permit the disclosure of certain tax information by the Secretary of the Treasury to facilitate combined Federal and State employment tax reporting.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 160), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Stabenow Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the motion thus fell.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Grassley Amendment No. 786 (to Amendment No. 763), to make certain modifications with respect to long-term care insurance policies. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311(a)(2)(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 162), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Graham Amendment No.

763, to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with longterm care needs. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5493–94**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Schumer Amendment No. 777, to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals, extend certain expiring tax provisions, and to provide an offset for revenue loss. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Nickles, Gramm, Baucus, Rockefeller, Daschle, and Breaux.

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Nomination Announcement: In accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 8, Committee on the Judiciary failed to report the nomination of Ted Olson, to be Solicitor General of the United States, by a tie vote of 9–9.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency with respect to the Government of Liberia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22) **Pages S5537–38**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate discharged the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration and confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 166), Howard H. Baker, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan. **Pages S5542, S5561–69, S5570**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ronald Rosenfeld, of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

Robert D. Blackwill, of Kansas, to be Ambassador to India.

Anthony Horace Gioia, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

J. Robert Flores, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

William J. Riley, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—166) **Pages S5490–95, S5499, S5522, S5569**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5569.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and related programs, after receiving testimony from certain public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Ruth L. Kirschstein, Acting Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, Richard A. Hauser, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, John Charles Weicher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and serve as Federal Housing Commissioner, and Romolo A.

Bernardi, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BOXING INDUSTRY REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of past legislation on the professional boxing industry, and whether additional federal, state, and private sector reforms, including the establishment of a centralized association or league, a boxers union, a promoters and managers collective, and consistent state regulations among the state athletic commissioners, are needed to further improve the sport, after receiving testimony from Roy Jones, Jr., Pensacola, Florida, on behalf of the Jones House; Edwin Homansky, Valley Hospital Medical Center, Dan Goossen, America Presents Boxing, and Kirk D. Hendrick, Jones Vargas, all of Las Vegas, Nevada; Greg Sirb, Association of Boxing Commissions, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Patrick C. English, Dimes and English, Clifton, New Jersey.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the capture, separation and storage or reuse of excess carbon, known as carbon sequestration, in order to stabilize and ultimately reduce concentrations of carbon emissions in the atmosphere, including soil carbon measurement processes, methods used to measure soil carbon changes, and the research related to such measurements, after receiving testimony from John M. Kimble, Research Soil Scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Dale E. Heydlauff, American Electric Power Company, Columbus, Ohio; John Kadyszewski, Winrock International, Morrilton, Arkansas; Michael J. Coda, Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert Bonnie, Environmental Defense, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 507, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94–241) approving the covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and

The nominations of Patrick Henry Wood III, of Texas, and Nora Mead Brownell, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Lee Sarah Liberman Otis, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary

for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy, and J. Steven Griles, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management;

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S. 378, to redesignate the Federal building located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center"; and

The nominations of Linda J. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator, and Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and James Laurence Connaughton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Howard H. Baker, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan, after

the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Dole, Thompson, Frist, and Byrd, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S./NORTH KOREA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine future policy between the United States and North Korea, after receiving testimony from Norbert Vollertsen, German Emergency Doctors, Dusseldorf; Chuck Downs, Arlington, Virginia, former Deputy Director, ISA/East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense and former Senior Defense and Foreign Policy Advisor to the House Policy Committee; James T. Laney, Council for Foreign Relations Korea Task Force, Atlanta, Georgia; and Robert L. Gallucci, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John D. Graham, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services, Angela B. Styles, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and Erik Patrick Christian and Maurice A. Ross, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Deborah L. Cook and Jeffrey S. Sutton, both of Ohio, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., of Massachusetts, and Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Boyd was introduced by Senator Kennedy.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1953–1979; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141–142 and H. Res. 146, were introduced. **Pages H2677–79**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

H.R. 819, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the “Donald J. Pease Federal Building” (H. Rept. 107–75);

H. Res. 147, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–76); and

H.R. 1407, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit air carriers to meet and discuss their schedules in order to reduce flight delays, amended (H. Rept. 107–77, Pt. 1). **Page H2677**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by His Holiness Kerik II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, Echmiadzin, Armenia. **Page H2573**

Welcoming His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians to the United States: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 139 welcoming His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on his visit to the United States and commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the acceptance of Christianity in Armenia. **Pages H2654–56**

Leave No Child Behind Act: The House passed H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind by a recorded vote of 384 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 145. The House considered the bill on May 17 and May 23. **Pages H2577–H2645**

Rejected the Owens motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment to provide funding for school repair, renovation, and construction by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 144. **Pages H2630–34**

Agreed To:

Meek amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that amends the Osborne mentoring Program to allow both adults and high school students to participate as mentors; **Pages H2580–81**

Rogers of Michigan amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that encourages the Secretary of Education to promote education savings accounts in states with qualified tuition programs; **Pages H2581–82**

Norwood amendment No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows the discipline of children with disabilities who carry weapons, possess or use drugs, or commit an aggravated assault or battery (agreed

to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 138); **Pages H2582–86, H2609–10**

Tiahrt amendment No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that guarantees parents and guardians access to review their children’s instructional material, requires informed consent prior to a school seeking various kinds of information including political affiliation, mental illness, sex behavior or attitudes, family appraisals, and religious practices or beliefs, and requires informed consent prior to any medical or mental health examination, testing, treatment, or immunization, except in the case of a medical emergency; **Pages H2586–88**

Akin amendment No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires that academic tests be based on objective, measurable and widely accepted professional testing and assessment standards and shall not assess the personal opinions, attitudes, or beliefs of the student being tested; **Pages H2603–05**

Stearns amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires State educational agencies to provide an annual report on the schools identified for improvement (agreed to by a recorded vote of 361 ayes to 67 noes, Roll No. 139); **Pages H2605, H2610**

Traficant amendment No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of the Congress that American-made steel should be used in all construction activities and that entities should purchase only American-made equipment and products (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 140); **Pages H2605–07, H2610–11**

Brady amendment No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that establishes the Paul Coverdell Teacher Liability Protection Act to provide teachers, principals and other school professionals the tools they need to undertake reasonable actions to maintain order, discipline, and an appropriate educational environment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 141); **Pages H2611–15, H2628**

Mink amendment No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires a mentoring program for teachers who have been in the profession for less than three years and are teaching in schools identified for improvement; **Pages H2615–16**

Wamp amendment No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that increases funding from \$25 million to \$50 million for the Character Education Program; **Pages H2616–17**

Hilleary amendment No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that establishes the “Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act” to require equal access to public school facilities to the Boy Scouts or any other youth group with similar membership or leadership criteria that wishes to conduct a meeting during a school’s designated open forum period; **Pages H2617–20**

Velázquez amendment No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that permits matching grant requirements

to include in-kind contributions to ease the ability of disadvantaged communities to apply for 21st Century Learning Center grants; **Page H2620**

Kirk amendment No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Impact Aid Program should be fully funded to meet the needs of school districts affected by Federal presence and ensure that federally connected children, including military dependents, will continue to receive a quality education (agreed to by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 142); and

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Hoeffel amendment No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows funding for leave time and other associated costs for teachers to attend technology classes related to the state and local technology for success grants. **Pages H2622–23**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to increase the authority of local educational agencies to transfer funds between programs from 50 percent to 75 percent upon state approval (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 137); **Pages H2577–80, H2608–09**

Armey amendment No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize private school choice for students who have attended low performing schools for 3 years, permit the use of innovative education grants funding for school choice, and allow choice for students who are victims of crime or who are attending unsafe schools (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 135); **Pages H2588–96, H2607–08**

Armey amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize five research projects to determine the effectiveness of school choice in improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged students and the overall quality of public schools and local educational agencies (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 136); and **Pages H2596–H2603, H2608**

Cox amendment No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that limits the aggregate increase in authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2002 to 11.5 percent over the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2001 (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 143). **Pages H2623–27, H2629–30**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2645**

H. Res. 143, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10.

Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Armey, Thomas, and Rangel. **Pages H2646–54**

Rejected the Stark motion to instruct conferees to produce a conference report in which the revenue losses and debt service costs do not grow as a percentage of gross domestic product on either a long or short term basis; shall not include phase-ins longer than 5 years, delayed effective dates, or sunsets; include provisions on marriage penalty relief; increasing per-child tax credit; estate tax relief; pension reform legislation; and permanent extension of the research credit; adjust the current law alternative minimum tax so that it does not disallow the benefits of the tax reductions in the bill; shall be designed so that its revenue loss and associated debt service costs for each fiscal year do not exceed the projected non-Social Security/non-Medicare surplus for such fiscal year; and provides benefits to every family with children that has income or payroll tax liability with inflation adjustments so that the benefits do not erode over time by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2646–54**

Presidential Message—Prohibiting the Importation of Diamonds From Liberia: Read a message from the President wherein he announced that he has issued an Executive Order that prohibits the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–75). **Page H2656**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H2573 and H2645.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 41 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2673**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-and-nay vote and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2607–08, H2608, H2608–09, H2609–10, H2610, H2610–11, H2628, H2628–29, H2629, H2634, H2644–45, and H2654. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE PROPOSALS—IMPACT ON U.S. AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Administration's proposals for the Free Trade Area of the Americas and their impact on United States Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce; Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held

a hearing to review conservation programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Thomas Weber, Deputy Chief, Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Robert Stephenson, Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs, Farm Service Agency; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 6.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the SBA. Testimony was heard from John Whitmore, Acting Administrator, SBA.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2002 D.C. Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Linda W. Cropp, Chairwoman, Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer; and Alice M. Rivlin, Chair, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on Worker Protection, and on Employment Training, and Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: R. Davis Layne, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Lauriski, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; Joe N. Kennedy, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; and Stanley A. Seidel, First Assistant, Veterans Employment and Training Services.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on HUD. Testimony was heard from Mel R. Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

“ON-LINE FRAUD AND CRIME: ARE CONSUMERS SAFE?”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on “On-line Fraud and Crime: Are Consumers Safe?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Thomas T. Kubic, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Division, FBI; Eileen Harrington,

Associate Director, Marketing Practices, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Bruce Townsend, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

HCFA—COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “How Secure Is Private Medical Information? A Review of Computer Security at the Health Care Financing Administration and Its Medicare Contractors.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jared Adair, Acting Chief Information Officer, Health Care Financing Administration; and Joseph E. Vengrin, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, Operations and Financial Statement Activities; and a public witness.

HOUSING GSE’S—FEDERAL SUBSIDIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Federal subsidies for the housing GSE’s. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

EFFECTIVE FAITH-BASED DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Effective Faith-Based Drug Treatment Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT—CASE FOR RENEWAL

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Relations held a hearing on the Export Administration Act: The Case for Its Renewal. Testimony was heard from Kenneth I. Juster, Under Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 169, Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2001; and H.R. 718, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

OVERSIGHT—RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Recreational Access to Public Lands. Testimony was heard from Courtland Nelson, Director, Parks and Recreation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a

two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of May 24, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY—NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP REPORT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on National Energy Policy-Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS' SBA PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing with respect to SBA Programs for Veterans and the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from William Elmore, Associate Administrator, Veterans Affairs, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PORT AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on Port and Maritime Transportation Congestion. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Bruce J. Carlton, Acting Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Jeffrey P. High, Director, Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles M. Hess, Chief of Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HIGHWAY CONGESTION SOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Solutions to Highway Congestion. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Wayne, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; Elwin Tinklenberg, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY SKILLS MIX

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Community Skills Mix. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to the economic outlook of the nation, including a national energy policy, the tax code, and the impact of the slowing economy, after receiving testimony from R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine transportation safety issues and Coast Guard modernization proposals, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Morrissey Livingstone, of Montana, to be Under Secretary of the Navy; and the nomination of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold a closed briefing on the Department of Energy/Russian nonproliferation programs, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings on the implementation and future of decimalized markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 368, to develop voluntary consensus standards to ensure accuracy and validation of the voting process, to direct the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study voter participation and emerging voting technology, to provide grants to States to improve voting methods; S. 633, to provide for the review and management of airport congestion; the nomination of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, and Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Trade Commission; the nomination of Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, and Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation; and the nomination of Kathleen Marie Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Bruce P. Mehlman, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, all of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the Administration's national energy policy, and

Price-Anderson Act provisions of pending energy legislation, including S. 242, to authorize funding for University Nuclear Science and Engineering Programs at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2002 through 2006; S. 388, to protect the energy and security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50% by the year 2011 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies; improve environmental quality by reducing emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases; mitigate the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly; S. 472, to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States; and S. 597, to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 35, expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon; S. Res. 88, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission; and S. Res. 91, condemning the murder of a United States citizen and other civilians, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of the Indonesian judicial system to hold accountable those responsible for the killings, proposed legislation condemning the practices of the Taleban, pending nominations, and certain foreign service officer promotion lists, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine alleged problems in the tissue industry, such as claims of excessive charges and profit making within the industry, problems in obtaining appropriate informed consent from donor families, issues related to quality control in processing tissue, and whether current regulatory efforts are adequate to ensure the safety of human tissue transplants, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding Congress' role in patient safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine competition in the pharmaceutical marketplace, focusing

on the antitrust implications of patent settlements, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review mandatory livestock price reporting, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on SSA, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on HUD, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 1647, Electricity Emergency Act of 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Technology and the House of the Committee on Rules, joint hearing on "Unfunded Mandates—A Five-Year Review and Recommendations for Change," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to continue hearings on Voting Technology, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Annual Report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.J. Res. 36, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on "Fighting Cyber Crime: Efforts by State and Local Officials," 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Energy Conservation Potential of Extended and Double Daylight Savings Time, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airport Runway Construction Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on H.R. 1291, 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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10 a.m., Thursday, May 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including the conference report to accompany the Tax Relief Reconciliation bill.

House Chamber

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